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Should call particular attention to
his official report. Moffett
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Rev. F. F. Ellinwood, D.D.
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My Dear Dr. Ellinwood:

It has been
some time since I have written to you but
since the conclusion of our Annual Meeting two
weeks ago I feel a desire to have a short
talk with you concerning the past work and our
plans for the future.
I wrote you nothing at the time in reply to the
Bonds letter & newspaper clipping referring to our work
in Pyeng Yang - as I preferred to wait until I
made my official report to the Mission. I ask
now that particular attention be given to that
report as I think it will give you accurate
and thorough information and also show our
true position, purposes & actions. I greatly regret
the ease with which incorrect news finds its
way into the newspapers as credence is so
often given to false reports rather than to true
ones. However I realize the practical impossi-
bility of your always having before you an accurate
view of the situation & condition of things on
any Mission field.

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Longs for the presence of a Secretary
Difficult problems of work in relation to personnel.

①-② Certain it is that many a time have I longed
for your presence here for a few weeks that by
personal contact with each + all of us in our
work you might come to know the ins and
outs, the peculiar difficulties + trials, the delays
and hindrances, and the why's + wherefores of this
and that. Many things would be clear to the Board
could you thus occasionally get such a look into
the inner life + experience of the Mission as it
deals with questions - extremely delicate yet important
and far reaching.

You cannot get this from mere correspondence
for there are many things which cannot be
written without giving more cause for misunderstan-
ding and mis-interpretation than is occasioned
by passing them over in silence. Yet I can
see from the Board's letters that ^{very} many of the
causes + reasons ~~of~~ which lie back of Mission
action are not at all clear to you. Our most
difficult problems have to do with work in its
relation to the personnel of the Mission but
were we to attempt to inform you fully on these
lines - we should be mis-understood - others would
be unfairly represented - letters would be too personal
and the Board would obtain erroneous views of

Should enjoy a talk about the personnel & work
Mission has always had difficult & delicate prob-
blems to face.

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to write to you as I should like to talk with
you about the Personnel & work of the Mission,
but I have feared being mis-understood or of leading
you to Misunderstand others - who with certain leanings
faults or traits, ^{dispositions or abilities} necessarily taken into consideration in
the Mission's actions - are yet marked by other traits
which make them useful men on the field. I have
not felt called upon to sit in judgment upon my
fellow-labourers and yet I wish you could get
a conscience of the judgment of the Mission upon
each of us. It is far easier to write of those
things which commend themselves to us than of the
opposite.

From its earliest history the Korea mission has had
most delicate & difficult problems to face, placing it
in most perplexing & annoying relations. The early minutes
of this Mission are a shame and I wish they
could be destroyed. We shall probably always have
difficult questions to meet but I am thankful for
the spirit which now characterizes our meetings - and
that altho we differ decidedly and have strong
opinions characteristic of Presbyterians - yet we
have had the spirit of peace and there has
been no anger, no malice, no bitterness, nor any

Increase in estimates largely for new houses. 4
Houses for Piyung Yang & Fusan are not imperative,
will spend winter & spring in Piyung Yang & Kim for
evil speaking.

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There are many things in my mind of which I cannot
write but I have written thus to call your attention
to the fact that mere correspondence does not always
lay bare what it would be well for the Board to
know.

Now with reference to the Missions Requests -
we have asked for large appropriations - but
the increase is largely for new houses.

Probably you cannot grant all of these this year but
please do not cut the appropriations for our work.

Two of these houses which needed - are not imperative
viz - the one asked for Piyung Yang and the
one for Fusan Station - the others we need at
once if at all possible.

I hope we shall
want the funds for the Piyung Yang house before May
1st 1895 and they should be available - but if
not Lee & Dr Brown can do for two years as

I have done - go & come until their place is taken
for their wives.

I was about to write you a
strong plea for a Physician for Piyung Yang but to
our great surprise & joy Dr Brown & wife dropped
in on us last week and already they are
talking & planning for Piyung Yang. Thus with greater
determination than ever I leave tomorrow to